GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Sports in Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the Poor Status of sports in schools across the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government plans to initiate a nationwide campaign to include sports as part of school education and improve sports infrastructure in Schools; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) Education, being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, and the majority of the schools being under the jurisdiction of the State/Union Territory (UT) Governments, it is for the respective State/UT Governments to initiate action for inclusion of sports as part of school education and provide sports infrastructure in schools. The National Curriculum Framework-2005 has recommended Health and Physical Education, which includes sports, as a compulsory subject area from class I to X and optional subject at Senior Secondary stage.

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